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EVERYONE OUT IN BEST BIB AND TUCKER TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY TODAY

Stores Close This Afternoon, Corner Stone Laying at Two O'Clock is Followed by Baseball Game this Afternoon and Banquet and Dance Tonight

MANY VISITORS HAVE ARRIVED IN TUCUMCARI

Bang! Bang! Today is the day to celebrate. And Tucumcari will not be behind any other town in the territory in doing the stunt up in the brown. Everybody will be out today in their best bib and tucker and a gala day will be indeed. Tucumcari will not be alone in the festivities for many people from the neighboring towns are going to join us in the good time, and already, at seven o'clock, this morning, the streets are thronged with the visitors who have come in during the night to share in the day of celebrating another anniversary of American Independence.

While the fun does not really start until this afternoon, when the stores will all close so as to allow the faithful clerks and merchants to join in, everybody is looking happy this morning and the out of town girls, who are now promenading the streets, hanging to the arms of their escorts, are all jolly and happy and promise that to day is to be the one of their lives.

Most of the visitors will spend the morning shopping while the home girls and housewives are busy getting ready to turn out in full force this afternoon and night. The day celebration will commence at one thirty o'clock when the crowd will gather in front of the Federal building and march from there to the new school house where the corner stone will be laid.

School children from the second to eighth grades will be on hand in a body to march out and every one will fall in step with the national songs they will sing as they march to the scene of the corner stone ceremonies.

Arrival at the school house, the corner stone laying will commence at two o'clock and be in full charge of the Masons. The following program will be carried out at the school house.

- Music by the Band.
- Invocation by Rev. DuBose.
- Address of Welcome by Reed Holloman.
- Ceremonies of Corner Stone Laying by Grand Lodge of N. M., A. F. and A. M. The following of officers taking part.
- Grand Master, A. D. Goldenberg.
- Dep. Grand Master, E. F. Saxon.
- Grand Senior Warden, J. C. Jones.
- Grand Junior Warden, J. E. Whitmore.
- Grand Treasurer, Jacob Wertheim.
- Grand Marshal, M. B. Keator.
- Grand Senior Deacon, J. C. Elkins.
- Grand Junior Deacon, R. S. Coulter.
- Grand Senior Stewart, C. H. Rankin.
- Grand Junior Stewart, Herman Gerhardt.
- Grand Chaplain, W. H. DuBose.
- Grand Sword Bearer, J. E. Manney.
- Music by the Band.
- Oration by Rev. John Green.
- Benediction by Rev. DuBose.

After the close of the corner stone laying a baseball game between the Santa Rosa boys and the local railroad team will be pulled off at the ball park and this will doubtless be a warm contest since both teams are in excellent condition and have promised each other a wallop. They will also play again tomorrow afternoon but today's game will doubtless be the one of the season as each team will do its best before the packed grand stand.

In the evening comes the "Shirt Sleeve Banquet" at the Masonic Hall when two hundred plates will be spread and the guests served with the following:

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MECHEM WILL BE CONFIRMED SOON

All Objection to Attorney as Associate Justice has been Withdrawn.

COOLEY AT SANTA FE Supreme Court Met Thursday to Begin Work of Redistricting.

Santa Fe, N. M., June 29.—A message received by Governor Curry here to day conveyed the information that all objections to the confirmation of M. C. Mechem as an associate justice of the New Mexico supreme court, which carries with it also the district judgeship in one of the seven districts of the territory, had been withdrawn and that the appointment of Mr. Mechem would be confirmed not later than next week.

Judge A. W. Cooley reached Santa Fe, N. M., yesterday from Washington and will visit the capital tomorrow. He will remain here for the convening of the supreme court on Thursday, at which time he will be assigned to his district as judge. Mr. Cooley is a resident of Silver City and came to New Mexico from Washington.

M. C. Mechem, whose appointment was not confirmed some weeks ago because of a number of objections, which later were found to be without due foundation, is a resident of Tucumcari. He is well known in New Mexico and represented his district last winter as a member of the upper house of the legislature where he made an excellent record. He is considered one of the ablest attorneys in the southwest and

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COLD FEET SAVED GOOD SAMARITAN

Plan to Induce One to Violate Law so to Expose Him.

BACK DOOR STUNT

"Cold feet" may possibly have been the only thing that kept some good Samaritan from being arrested and involved in serious trouble on the charge of violating the Sunday law in this city, last Sunday. At any rate it was discovered here this week that there had been a plan on foot to induce some local saloon man to sell whiskey to one who had agreed to go to his back door and purchase liquor under the plea that he was sick and needed it for immediate use.

Then the whiskey was to be taken to a local clergyman, who had prepared a long prohibition address which was to be delivered that night when he was to exhibit the bottle in the pulpit as a proof that the Sunday closing law is being violated in Tucumcari. This plan was concocted for the purpose of starting a prohibition movement in Tucumcari and stir the public to the belief that the Sunday law is being unobserved and that officers are winking at the fact.

The whiskey was to have been exhibited "to make the officers do their duty" and arrest at least one man who is alleged to be violating the law. The plan would possibly have been attempted had it not been for the fact that the one who was to do the back door stunt lost his nerve and consequently failed to turn up with the liquor at the appointed church and time.

The plan was brought to light this week when the gentleman with the cold feet took another into his confidence.

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TUCUMCARI IS NOT SO HOT AFTER ALL

Millions of People Would Come Here to Enjoy the Cool Nights.

This week has been a warm one in Tucumcari. Everybody said so and many people who had not taken off their heavy underware before did so. Conditions were, however, not so bad after all and that there are a few million people in the country who would be glad to get to Tucumcari to get cooled off a little is a sure wager when one reads of the intense heat in some of the eastern cities.

New Mexico generally, and Tucumcari especially have never suffered from heat. While it is true the mercury sometimes rises about the ninety mark in the tube the heat is not felt here like it is in other parts of the country where the same height is attained. This is due to the light atmosphere which does not retain the heat like the eastern moisture.

Then too, Tucumcari is blessed with cool nights and although some are comfortable under a sheet alone, they generally reach for a blanket at the foot of the bed. Cool nights in summer time are enough to recommend any place to pleasure seekers. Tucumcari is indeed fortunate in this and that is one reason why every one gets out so fresh and happy in the morning ready for work.

TEXICO ACCEPTS THE PROPOSITION

Promoters Will Discuss Matter with Tucumcarians Monday Afternoon.

ALL ARE ANXIOUS

Citizens Believe this City Will Come to an Agreement with Company.

Texico has accepted the railroad proposition, what is Tucumcari going to do? is the wording of a telegram sent by C. C. Fredricks, promoter of the new railroad between Tucumcari and Texico or Clovis, to V. W. Moore of this city last Tuesday.

The business men of Tucumcari held a called meeting at the County Court House last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the matter of a railroad between the two named points but the meeting only resulted in adjournment with a call for another meeting next Monday afternoon at which the promoters in person are requested to be present.

Tucumcari at present seems anxious to have the line and our business men will act as soon as a business proposition is made them.

That the road is a good proposition and would be a great benefit to the community, no one will deny but some seem to think the bonus is a little large and that our people should know more of the plan.

Another mass meeting will be held next Monday afternoon at which time Mr. Fredricks and other promoters will be present and the matter will be thoroughly discussed by them and Tucumcari business men. Many of the business men are of the opinion that the road will be built and that Tucumcari will not have any trouble in reaching an agreement with the promoters.

UNITE CONGREGATION. The Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal churches will suspend their evening services tomorrow evening and unite with the Methodist South, who are having a revival service.

BOOT LEGGERS IN A COVERED WAGON

Three Laws are Violated, Gambling, Bootlegging and Pistol-Toting.

VAUGHN TELLS IT

The Endeavor sensation which came up the first of the week, and which was greatly exaggerated in its first report, was not the only county sensation this week and is really outlived by an occurrence at Vaughn's grading camp on the Tucumcari and Memphis railroad last Saturday night and Sunday morning.

After working hours Saturday evening a covered wagon drove up to the camp and three heavily armed men got out. The camp boys were all curious to learn what was in the wagon and soon found their strange guests were professional "boot leggers" and had whiskey and other liquor to sell. Contractor Vaughn was in this city at the time and his "next in charge" assumed authority and protested against liquor being sold at the camp because it was a violation of the law and also against the rules of the camp.

The "boot leggers" here began to flourish their arms and declared that they had come there from Logan to sell the liquor and were going to sell it. Not only sell liquor but to gamble a little and win what money they could. At this the camp boys passed a wink around the circle and told the manager that if he would let them, they would put a finish to the "boot leggers" and gamblers who had come to win their money. They then put up two of their number against two of the strangers.

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MEXICAN BOY SAYS THAT HE WAS SHOT

Dr. Says if so Bullet Found an Odd Entrance.

Who shot Jose Gallegos, a little eight year old boy living in Mexican town? Somebody did for he says so himself and disputed the word of the city physician, who called to attend to him. The lad claims that he was washing his feet in a trough, last Wednesday while the dog catcher was ridding the city of a few surplus canines, when he was shot for a dog.

His mother notified Benson and the physician was hurried to the bedside of the boy. A close examination showed he did have a blue place on his back which looked very much as if he had sat down on a rock, harder than is customary. The skin was not broken and if the lad was shot the lead entered without doing damage to his exterior.

He still maintains that he was hit, however, and refuses to leave his bed.

TUCUMCARI HAS BLACK HANDS TOO

Benson Receives Letters Telling Him to be Prepared for Shooting

WILL IGNORE THEM

Letter Addressed to the News Affords Staff Much Amusement.

New York, Chicago, and Clovis are not the only cities in the country that can afford black hand sensations for Tucumcari, has this week experienced one which is no less black or downright little, sneaking and mean than any that even occurred in any of the above mentioned cities.

Three anonymous letters were received this week. Two were addressed to Chief of police Benson. All three were written by persons who are illiterate and ignorant and although Benson had his life threatened and the letter claimed to be one of warning, telling him to be on his guard and always have his pistol handy in order to have a fair chance—in the writer as soon as they meet on the streets, the chief says he will completely ignore the epistle since people who are afraid to sign their names are afraid to shoot.

Anonymous letters are the superlatives of ignorance and cowardice and the chief's friends have advised him that he is right to ignore them and to have no fear of a coward's shooting. The third letter was addressed to the News and while it contained nothing in the nature of a threat, it attempted to ridicule Governor Curry. W. F. Bush

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BRIDGES ON DAWSON REPLACED BY STEEL

Curves Straightened, Grades Lessened, and Bed Placed on Stone Ballast.

THE WORK HAS BEGUN

Work of repairing the Dawson road bed and bridges is taken as good evidence of the fact that it is the company's intention to continue the line through from Dawson to Trinidad and other Colorado points. The repairing work was begun this week by King and Company, local contractors, who have taken a contract to replace all the old bridges on the line by steel structures and all trestle work with concrete arches.

The contractors moved their camp last Tuesday to the scene of their new activities and commenced the work. The contract calls for steel bridges, concrete work, a lessening of the grades and straightening the curves. The road will also be placed on a stone ballast.

The contractors have a large force of men employed on the work and it will doubtless be finished in side the next year.

King and company have not altogether finished their grading work on the Tucumcari and Memphis but this will be done in a short while and then both camps will be united on the Dawson work.

CATTLE SHIPPED FROM BASCOM PENS

Picnic Party Watch Bell Ranch Boys Load the Cars.

A party of four, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Earl George, Miss Lula Bryan and Lee Anderson, spent Sunday at the Bascom Stock Pens on the Bell Ranch, where they witnessed the roundup and the shipment of two trainloads of cattle. The party enjoyed an excellent camp dinner and supper and took many kodak pictures of the cattle and the roundup.

The cattle were being shipped to Kansas and those witnessing the loading say that they were all fine healthy beasts. It was somewhat of a novelty to those who had never seen stock loaded before to see cowboys load a car off every five minutes.

The Bell Ranch boys are experts, though, in the roundup business and can break records when it comes to loading trains. Many trainloads of cattle have been shipped from the Bascom Pens during the past week.

SMITH'S STORE MOVES.

Smith's grocery store has moved from the old stand on Main street, where the firm has succeeded in building up a very profitable and pleasant business, to the Heman building in the same block. They now have larger quarters which was necessary owing to the increase in business.

GOOD OLD AMERICAN WAY OF CELEBRATING THE 4TH IS THE BEST WAY AFTER ALL

Will Robinson Upholds the Birthright of Young America and Tells Many Interesting Things About the Day of Independence in His Own Way

MATTER WAS NOT BROUGHT ABOUT IN A DAY

Of course you are going to celebrate the Fourth of July this year. The mere fact that it comes on Sunday is not going to make any difference. It did the same thing seven years ago, and seven years from now it will do it again. There is no use trying to get away from the calendar. So far as celebrating America is concerned it really makes three Fourth's, even if one must be observed with less noise than the other two, and it is not likely that there will be any falling off in the death rate from the cannon crackers, the toy pistol and all that sort of thing. It is the good old American way to celebrate strenuously, and whosoever tries to change it doesn't know what he is up against. It can't be did, any way on earth. The old way is the best way after all, for those who are blown home on the Fourth don't have to wait to have their appendix cut out and die anyhow, but go all at once in a blaze of glory. Huh! Talk to me about a "same Fourth!" We may all agree that it is the proper thing, and it is but you can never fasten the fact upon the minds of the American people, who have to go the limit in every game, and insist on none on the Fourth, which really isn't the day that the United States became free. How many of you, beloved, know that you celebrate the Fourth of July as the national birthday, that you are really two days behind the calendar, that the job was really done on the second of July? While not an educated man, neither am I an ignorant one, but I didn't know it until after I reached the spread eagle myself and was lying up a bunch of stuff to let loose on people who always applaud when you give the British down the banks. The fact is not often brought out in the average Fourth of July speech, or article, either, and there is no particular reason why we shouldn't go over the ground briefly.

In the first place I wasn't there. It

all happened one hundred and thirty-three years ago, and while I often feel that old on the first of the month, it is all imagination. We have to rely up on the files of the Santa Fe New Mexican, and the memory of Uncle Bill Berger of Belton, both of whom speak from personal knowledge. It didn't happen suddenly. The old stuffs who composed the Colonial Congress had been not under the collar for a lifetime or so. It wasn't their habit to be in a hurry in anything. It took them an hour to ask each other to take one, and an other hour to take it. Naturally when they got it made up it was good-bye, Mary Ann, so far as ever changing it was concerned. The whole scheme was sprung on Congress by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia, who had talked it over with his old pals, Ben Franklin, Sam Adams, Pat Henry, Ben Lee and Tom Paine. They all agreed that the only thing to do to take England down a peg was to declare the colonies free, deny statehood to New Mexico and get ready for Teddy Roosevelt. Like the revision of the tariff now going on and all one way, it took a powerful lot of rag chewing. Some who opposed it first afterwards dropped into line as a heap of the congressmen will when Uncle Joe nods. Washington himself writing in 1774, insisted that the colonies only wanted relief, not independence. Patrick Henry a year before that had declared war on his own account, but being Irish he was recognized as naturally belligerent and so body paid any particular attention to it. All of the while though the yeast had been working and in the spring of 1776 the bread was ready to make. The newspapers had taken up the matter, and made lots of folks realize that they were up against a brace game and didn't know it. Tom Paine, the contemporary Tunderfoot, cut it up in sharp chunks, and

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PRETTY EXERCISES HAVE THE CHILDREN

Christian Sunday School Observes Annual Children's Day Last Sunday.

The annual children's day exercises were observed by the Sunday School classes of the Christian church at the Crystal Theatre last Sunday morning. The children carried out their parts most beautifully and the teachers who trained them have received many compliments on the way the little ones delivered their messages of song and verse.

The program which follows was under the charge of Mrs. Shaff and Mrs. Terry. Mrs. Beeth had charge of the music. The event was one of the most enjoyable and profitable that has been carried out since the Christian Sunday School has been established here.

Organ, voluntary
Processional
Song—Hear the Call—Children.
Scripture Reading and Prayer, Rev. Ament.
Introductory, Juanita Shaff.
Quartette, Prayer song.
Go Plant the Grass, Don Ree-y.
Song—Laying in the Sunshane—Children.

The Golden Side—Gordon Shearer.
The Earth Quake—Lucius Shaff.
Song—A Call to Prayers—Pauline and Nancy Shearer.

The Flower Lady—Elizabeth Campbell.
Go—Nancy Shearer.

Solo—Be a Blessing Every Day.
Little Orphan Annie—Freida Shaff.
The Call to Go—Four Girls.
Song—Little Rosebud—Children.

The Piffal Cry of Nobody's Child—Juanita Shaff.

Duet—Calling today.
A Busy Bee—Pauline Shearer.

Benediction—Rev. Ament.
Tickets for the banquet tonight are on sale at Record's Cafe. The number is limited but this morning there were still a few to be had.

TOO MUCH RAIN TO SUIT CONTRACTOR

Rainfall no Longer Worth a Double Column or a Border.

"I'm going to leave this country. It rains too much here to suit me" were the words used by a local contractor and builder last Thursday morning as he came up the street during a shower, with his feathers all drooped. This is only the words of one man, however, and those who heard him are of the opinion he was not sincere in what he said.

It did rain Thursday for fair, the kind of rain they get down in Tennessee, the kind that soaks in and makes the crops grow and the kind that makes the farmers smile. Rain is getting quite common now, however, and what was once worth a double column in black face now hardly deserves a single column in eight point solid.

Quay county has indeed been blessed this spring with plenty of rainfall. Not a week has passed during the last two months without two or three showers. The rain is general too and moisture all over the country is equal to what Tucumcari is receiving.

FOOT IS FRACTURED.

The second accident to occur on the construction of the Tucumcari and Memphis railroad happened last Tuesday morning when M. E. Dyer sustained a fractured foot, which was mended by a falling tie. Dyer is a local man, living five miles east of the city. He will be able to report for work again in the course of six or eight weeks.

NEW ABSTRACT COMPANY.
The Tucumcari Abstract & Investment Company is a new organization of the kind in this city and judging from the personnel of the incorporators it should be everything the name indicates. The new company has an ad in this issue of the News that will explain to you what it intends to do.

YOUNG MAN MEETS END BY DROWNING IN A DEEP HOLE OF WATER AT HANLEY

The community of Hanley, twelve miles west of this city was brought to grief last Sunday afternoon, when William L. Bush one of the promising sixteen year old boys of the vicinity was drowned in a deep water hole near the edge of the town. Young Bush was in company with several companions when the end came but after he began to sink his comrades did not realize that he was in any danger until it was too late to save him.

The swimming hole was once dug by the railroad company for the purpose of pumping water but later abandoned and since been used by the boys of the neighborhood. Bush was not an expert swimmer and had never attempted to go to the middle of the hole before. On getting into the deep water he found himself unable to swim as well as he thought and was drowned soon after he called for assistance.

(He remains were brought to this city and prepared for burial) by M. B. Kish. The body was then shipped to Kansas, his old home state, and laid to rest in the family lot.

OUT FROM THE HEAPS OF DERBIS THE NEW TOWN OF NARA VISA IS RISING

Rev. McBride, pastor in charge of the Methodist Episcopal Church here, returned from Nara Visa the first of the week and is all enthusiasm in his praises of the little town in the northern portion of the county. Rev. McBride reports that the crop outlook in that vicinity is the brightest in the history of the community and that some of the farmers have as much as one hundred and ten acres of corn which is already well high and over. The bountiful rainfall has assured the

rebuilding of the place which burned down a couple of months ago at a cost of seventy thousand dollars and now from the heaps of ashes and debris is rising a new village which will be a model in all respects. One of the finest buildings being rebuilt is the new office of the New Mexican, which will be complete in every way.

He also states that real estate prices are rapidly raising and claims worth three to five hundred dollars last year are now worth two thousand and more.